

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1072

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Harry Frey Nichols on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harry Nichols will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 13, 2008, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Bates and Susie Sharon Nichols, Harry Nichols was born in Cheatham County as one of fifteen children; thirteen of them lived to adulthood, and twelve of those thirteen graduated from the same high school. Mr. Nichols's father was a tenant farmer and, though the family never had much in the way of worldly possessions, they had an abundance of love and were given a strong legacy of spiritual and Christian values; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Nichols is currently a highly respected member of the Murfreesboro community and is lovingly cared for by the staff at Boulevard Terrace, where he resides; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep conviction and Christian beliefs, Reverend Nichols answered the higher calling of the Lord and was ordained into the ministry on September 14, 1947; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harry Nichols demonstrated his steadfast faith as the pastor of Powells Chapel, Gladeville, Rocky Valley, Barfield, Third Baptist, and Stones River Baptist churches, and Chandler Baptist Church, which he was instrumental in establishing; and

WHEREAS, he is deeply devoted to his family and always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Harry Nichols is most grateful for the partnership in ministry that he shared with his first wife, the late Madge South, with whom he had two children, William (Billy) and

Ruby Jo; he was immensely blessed to find love again with his second wife, the late Agnes Cole Lane, and from this blessed union two more children were born, Peggy and Carylon; and

WHEREAS, as Harry Nichols approaches his eleventh decade, he is still a productive member of society, witnessing about the love of Christ to his fellow residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harry Nichols possesses an exemplary appreciation for life and loves to joke, "I am not old. I have just been here a long time. I am in good shape for a young man. I don't know how I would be if I was old."; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Reverend Harry Frey Nichols on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.